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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the restriction requirement dated May 27, 2003, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, i.e., claims 1-26, drawn to nucleic acids for E. coli. . The election is made without traverse.

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